

CUNARD LINER ESCAPES TORPEDO

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ATTACK NEAR LIVERPOOL

Only Speed Saves Big British Boat. Washington Surprised By Indication Of Reversal Of German Policy.

New York.—The Cunard liner Orduna bound from Liverpool to New York with 227 passengers, including 22 Americans, was attacked without warning, it was learned on her arrival here, by a German submarine on the morning of July 9.

Twenty miles from the graveyard of the Lusitania, off Old Head of Kinsale, the Orduna escaped the Lusitania's fate by one half a second of time or 10 feet of space, the German torpedo churning the water that distance behind the liner's rudder. Then the Orduna sped away. She was followed by the submarine, which rose to the surface, manned a gun on her deck and shelled the fleeing steamer.

The attack was at 10 minutes to 6 o'clock in the morning, when all but a few of her passengers lay sleeping in their berths. Aroused by stewards, the passengers dressed hurriedly and went to the upper deck, where they put on life belts and took their places at the life boats. They heard the scream of the shells and saw the ocean throw up columns of water where the shells struck. When the fire grew hot the passengers were ordered for their own protection to the next deck below.

Chased Half Hour.

For half an hour the Orduna showed her heels to the assailant. Through marine glasses the passengers watched the dark splotch on the water's surface astern. They saw the low-lying German warship coming on, but the Orduna's flight was faster than the pursuit, and after seven shots had been fired, without effect, the submarine gave up the chase.

A wireless call for help was sent out by the Orduna when the torpedo was seen. She was then 37 miles south of Queenstown. The reply, Captain Taylor said in his official report, was that help would be given within an hour. It was four hours before the first British vessel, a small armored yacht, the Jeannette, appeared.

LEO FRANK HAS CHANCE.

Physicians Succeed in Stopping Flow Of Blood From Wound.

Milledgeville, Ga.—Leo M. Frank is in the Georgia State Prison hospital with what attendants said was a fighting chance for recovery. Physicians had succeeded in stopping the flow of blood from a jagged wound in his throat made with a butcher knife in the hands of Williams Green, a fellow convict, also serving a life term for murder. The blow was struck as Frank slept in his bunk in a dormitory.

An investigation of the attack probably will be conducted by the Georgia Prison Commission, the same body that refused to recommend that Frank's death sentence for the murder of Mary Phagan be commuted to life imprisonment. Reports from Atlanta were that Governor Harris intimated he would start such an investigation to ascertain if Green acted entirely of his own volition.

Green said, when taken from solitary confinement long enough to be questioned, that he planned the attack alone and that no one knew what he intended to do.

\$5,000,000,000 FROM FARMS.

Agricultural Department Gives International Trade Figures.

Washington.—The farmer's part in international commerce approximates \$5,000,000,000 annually. Statistics just issued by the Department of Agriculture give the following estimates of the value of principal farm products carried in international trade: that is, the total exports from all countries or imports into all countries: Cotton, \$1,127,000,000; wheat and flour, \$744,000,000; raw wool, \$480,000,000; hides and skins, \$392,000,000; coffee, \$386,000,000; sugar, \$382,000,000; rice, \$278,000,000; barley and malt, \$220,000,000; corn and meal, \$210,000,000; unmanufactured tobacco, \$192,000,000; butter, \$173,000,000; tea, \$143,000,000; rye and flour, \$125,000,000, and oats, \$102,000,000.

STEEL TRUST MAKES BENZOL.

Refined New Product Will Be On Market In 30 Days.

Sharon, Pa.—Crude benzol is now being manufactured by the United States Steel Corporation at its plant at Farrell, near here, and within 30 days, it was said, the benzol will be refined and other by-products will be placed on the market. This is the first of the corporation's plants to make benzol.

KILLED MOTHER—4 YEARS.

Indianapolis Girl's Crime Brings Sentence For Her Only.

Indianapolis.—Inez Burk, the 16-year-old girl who killed her mother, Mrs. Archie McClain, in this city two weeks ago by striking her on the head with an axe and then slashing her with a paring knife, entered a plea of guilty of manslaughter before Judge Vestal in the Circuit Court. She was sentenced to remain until she is 20 years old.

VON BERNSTORFF SEES LANSING

United States Asked to Act as Mediator.

THE OUTLOOK HOPEFUL

Substance Of Talk Is Sent To Wilson. Bernstorff Wires Report Of Conference To His Government.

Washington.—A confidential and friendly conference between Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, and Secretary of State Lansing has done more, officials say, to bring about a friendly understanding between Germany and the United States than any of the previous steps in the diplomatic negotiations between the two countries.

The German Ambassador made his call at the State Department by the authority of the Imperial German Government.

No Comment From Lansing.

Secretary of State Lansing, although convinced of the importance of the representations of the German Ambassador, would make no comment on them.

It was ascertained, however, that this Government has been apprised that Germany desires the United States to open up immediately with Great Britain the all-important question of the freedom of the seas, in which President Wilson firmly believes. The German Government has advised the United States that it, too, stands for the principle and that the final discussion of the Lusitania case and disposition of that controversy should be inseparably connected with the greater question of the rights of all nations to the freedom of the seas.

Bearing' On Lusitania.

It has been indicated to this Government that on the settlement of what is the freedom of the seas might depend how far Germany would go to make a complete, definite, unequivocal admission that her act of destroying the Lusitania was indefensible.

From the best available sources it is learned that Germany proposed that the United States endeavor to get Great Britain to discuss the German submarine policy in connection with Great Britain's blockade of neutral ports and the German foodstuffs question.

In other words, Germany has asked the United States to act as mediator. In doing this Count von Bernstorff merely amplified to the State Department the suggestions of the last German note to the United States.

Britain Must Be Party.

Germany, it is stated, is making the point that agreements between the United States and Germany could not make international law and that in order to get results of value in the present war England must be a party to the protocol, whether in written shape or oral agreement, between the Foreign Offices of Germany and the United States.

It is hinted that Germany would not be averse to modifying her views about the Lusitania and making the disavowal and granting the reparation suggested in President Wilson's first and second notes relating to the destruction of that vessel.

The substance of the negotiations between Secretary Lansing and Count von Bernstorff have been sent to President Wilson, and the German Ambassador has sent a full report by wireless to Berlin.

GERMANY APOLOGIZES.

Takes Blame For Torpedoing the Steamer Nebraska.

Washington.—Although officials were pleased by receipt of a memorandum from Ambassador Gerard formally transmitting Germany's admission of liability and expression of regret for the attack by a German submarine on the American steamer Nebraska, they practically decided that the legal points raised by the incident would require the dispatch of a note on the subject further to conserve American rights in the war zone.

Legal officers of the American Government who examined the German memorandum pointed out that in many respects the case resembled that of the William P. Frye, an American ship sunk by the Prinz Eitel Friedrich.

Apoloized For the Frye.

In both cases the German Government has expressed regret at the occurrence and offered to compensate American citizens for losses sustained, but the action of the German commanders has been declared justified under the circumstances. To admit this, officials here say, would establish a dangerous precedent.

GEN. VON BUELOW PROMOTED.

New German Divisional Commander Married Philadelphia Girl.

Berlin, via London.—Major Gen. Hans von Buelow has been made commander of a division in the German army. He was colonel of the Augusta Guard regiment at the outbreak of the war, and now is the youngest divisional commander in the army. General von Buelow's wife was formerly Mrs. Nina Bryce Turnbull, of Philadelphia.

CECIL CHAPMAN DEAD.

Wealthy Tonopah Pioneer Started Life a Poor Man.

Los Angeles.—Cecil Chapman, wealthy Tonopah pioneer and partner of George Wingfield, the Goldfield millionaire when their combined capital amounted to \$1,92, died at his home here. An illness which became serious while he was in London at the outbreak of the European war caused his death. He was 69 years old and heavily interested in Montana mining properties.

HEROES IN EVERYDAY LIFE



WARSAW OBJECT OF THREE ARMIES

Teutons Strike at Polish City From North and South.

GIGANTIC OPERATIONS

Dniester Crossed By Austrian Force. Austro-Germans Work In Concert To Squeeze Muscovites Out Of City.

London.—The Austro-German armies, which now appear to be working in perfect concert as the result of the German organization, are giving the Russians little rest or time to reorganize themselves after their retreat from Galicia.

Simultaneously with the German and the Austrians have attacked along the Dniester and have succeeded in crossing that river at several points. General von Mackensen's army, which doubtless had been waiting for Field Marshal von Hindenburg to move in the north, has also come to life again and the fighting has been resumed in Southern Poland. In fact, there is fighting of more or less severity all along the Russian front, except in Central Poland, where the Russians are in such strong positions that, in the opinion of military men, it would be impossible to break through.

Campaign On Gigantic Scale.

The Germans claim to have made further progress with their northern operations, but with the Russians retreating it is not likely that the main forces have clashed as yet. The combined operations are the most gigantic yet undertaken, the aim being, according to military experts, to squeeze the Russians out of Warsaw and the great slice of country which they hold to the north, south and east of that city and at the same time to attempt an invasion of Bessarabia.

Reinforcements have been sent to the German troops in the Russian provinces of Courland and Kovno, with the result that vigorous military operations have been resumed in that section. The Russians are offering a stubborn resistance and are holding strategic positions, according to an official statement issued at the headquarters of the General Staff in Petrograd and telegraphed to the Central News and Exchange Telegraph Company here.

NO ATTEMPT TO LYNCH FRANK.

Three Companies Of Militia Allowed To Return Home.

Atlanta, Ga.—Reports that a mob would attempt to take Leo M. Frank, serving a life sentence for Mary Phagan's murder, from the State prison farm, at Milledgeville, and lynch him, have not been confirmed by developments. Three companies of State militia, held in readiness at Macon throughout the night to protect Frank, if necessary, were allowed to return to their homes.

NEGROES TO DIE FOR ASSAULT.

Blacks Who Attacked Widow and Daughter To Be Electrocuted.

Fredericksburg, Va.—John Lewis Rollins and George Matthews, negroes, were convicted in the Circuit Court of Caroline County of criminal assault on Mrs. Birney Coleman and daughter, on July 11, and sentenced by Judge R. H. L. Chester to die in the electric chair August 20. The men confessed.

COLOR LINE FOR TEACHERS.

Georgia Senate Unanimously Passes Segregation Bill.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Georgia Senate passed unanimously a bill to prohibit white persons from teaching in negro schools and negroes from teaching in white schools. It would apply to private as well as public institutions.

CALLS OFFICIALS ROBBERS.

Alabama Legislative Committee Scores Two Departments.

Montgomery, Ala.—Characterizing the convict lease system of Alabama as "a cancer that should be out of Alabama's body politic," the Merritt Legislative Investigating Committee, in its report to the Legislature, recommended that all convict leases be abrogated January 1, 1918, and that the convicts after that date be worked on the public highways and State farms.

JURY DECLARES THAW IS SANE

Stanford White's Slayer Wins Victory After Long Trial.

JUBILANT OVER THE VICTORY

Jury Was Out Forty-Eight Minutes and Took Two Ballots—Precautions Taken To Prevent Demonstration In Court.

New York.—Harry Kendall Thaw was declared sane by a jury which for nearly three weeks listened to testimony given in the Supreme Court here before Justice Peter Hendrick. Forty-eight minutes were consumed and two ballots were taken in reaching a verdict.

It was at the end of a day of addresses by counsel and the charge of the Justice that the jury retired. While the 12 men were deliberating the crowd in the courtroom and about the courthouse was augmented by scores of people, who believed that a verdict quickly would be found. Shortly before 4 o'clock a bailiff came from the juryroom and informed Justice Hendrick that a verdict had been reached. The doors immediately were locked and Justice Hendrick, ascending the bench, warned the spectators that any demonstration would be met with severe punishment. Then the jury came in. In reply to a question by the clerk of the court as to whether a verdict had been reached the foreman handed over a sheet of legal paper, which was passed to the Justice on the bench. Justice Hendrick read it and handed it back to the clerk.

"Gentlemen of the jury," said the clerk, "the question you have been asked is this: Is Harry K. Thaw now sane? Your answer is 'yes.'"

Despite the warning, several persons stood up in front of their seats. The courtroom hummed like a dynamo. Justice Hendrick and a dozen court attendants rapped for order.

U. S. SERVES NOTICE.

Will Not Allow British Orders Supercede International Law.

Washington.—Formal notice that the United States holds that the rights of Americans who have cases before British prize courts rest upon international law and not upon various British orders in council or municipal law, is given in a brief statement cabled to Ambassador Page and presented by him to the London Foreign Office.

Secretary Lansing explained that this communication was not to be confused with the general note now in preparation relating to contraband and interference with American commerce on the high seas. He said it was more in the nature of a legal caveat generally conserving the rights of citizens of the United States, whose cases are about to be tried in English prize courts.

Inasmuch as the prize courts have not yet ruled on any American cases and are believed to be about to do so, the statement from the United States signifies in effect that if there is a denial of justice, diplomatic protests will be entered based on the general principles of international law existing before the outbreak of the war.

The United States has in its formal notes given Great Britain, as well as Germany, general notice to this effect and the statement now sent draws particular attention to the prize court cases pending.

PARIS "DRY" FOR SOLDIERS.

Sale Of Liquor To Military Men There Prohibited.

Paris.—General Gallieni, the Military Governor of Paris, issued an order forbidding the purchase by or sale to soldiers or officers of whatever grade in the entrenched camp of Paris of any alcoholic liquors whatsoever.

Offenders will be cited to appear before the police courts and military tribunals. Liquor dealers violating this order will be punished by a temporary suspension of their licenses on the first offense and the revocation of their license on the second offense.

DECIDES FOR DEATH PENALTY.

New York Constitution Makers' Committee Unanimous.

Albany, N. Y.—By a virtually unanimous vote the bill of rights committee of the State Constitutional Convention decided against proposals to abolish the death penalty by constitutional amendment. The committee was equally divided on a proposal to permit juries, in first degree murder cases, to recommend life imprisonment without commutation or pardon except in the case of established innocence.

TWO MORE NEGROES LYNCHED.

Suspected Of Participation In Killing Of Three Whites.

Cochran, Ga.—Two negroes, suspected of having aided Peter Jackson, lynched for the murder of three white men near here Tuesday night, were lynched near Hawkinsville by a posse of citizens. One of the trio was Jackson's brother.

TO INSURE AGAINST AIRCRAFT.

British Government Will Also Include Bombardment.

London.—The Government has completed a plan for state insurance against damage by aircraft and bombardment in which it will work in connection with fire insurance offices. The rates to be charged in all districts will be identical and for private dwellings are fixed at 2 shillings per cent. against aircraft and 3 shillings against aircraft and bombardment.

PATROL SYSTEM FOR STATE ROADS SOON

Daily Report and Constant Inspection Rule Under New Maintenance Plan.

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